

DANIELSON AND PUTNAM NEWS

DANIELSON

Many Households Entertaining Holiday Guests—Merchants Happy Over Big Christmas Trade—Benevolent Society Provides for the Needy—H. S. Alumni to Play Regulars.

Mrs. Frances Pillard of Meriden and Basil Pillard, a senior at Yale university, are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gledhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berggren of Lauriat and Mrs. C. S. Dayton and children of South Norwalk are spending Christmas with Mrs. C. H. Burroughs.

Miss Jennie Stetson, commercial teacher at the high school, is spending the holiday recess in Providence and Southbridge.

Miss Marion D. Chollar is spending the holiday season in New York, the guest of her nieces, Misses Barbara and Marion Howland.

Eugene Reed of Yale is spending the holiday period with his mother, Mrs. Frederick M. Reed, High street.

John M. Dowe of Brown university is spending the holiday recess with his mother, Mrs. Helen S. Dowe.

Guests from Winsted.

Thomas Head, Jr., and Miss Mary Head of Winsted are guests of Michael Head and family for a few days.

Henry Burton and family are spending Christmas with relatives in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Sarah Nolan and brother, Frank Dunn, of Bridgeport, are holiday guests of Mrs. James J. Dunn, of North Main street.

Sylvio Maynard, student at a Boston school of wireless telegraphy, is at his home here for the holiday vacation.

D. F. O. Connell, station agent, is spending the holiday at his home in Franklin, Mass.

Holiday Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kennedy have as holiday guests Misses Nellie and Margaret Sullivan of Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Yahn of the academy and John Whalen of Boston.

Albert S. Ames of Boston, formerly superintendent of schools here, was a visitor in Danielson Saturday.

To Attend Family Reunion.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Swaffield will be in Meriden Wednesday for a reunion of the members of the Swaffield family.

Clarence Peterson, student at Clark college, Worcester, is spending the holiday period at his home here.

Record Christmas Trade.

At the close of business Saturday evening many of the merchants in Danielson reported the best Christmas trade since the war.

W. W. Wheatley is spending the holiday in Providence.

Dr. D. H. Dickerman of New Haven conducted the service at the Pentecostal church Sunday morning.

D. B. S. Distributes Baskets.

More than two score baskets of food-stuffs were distributed to worthy families in town Saturday evening, for Christmas dinner, the charity being under the direction of the Danielson Benevolent society.

Defeated Bartlett.

By easily defeating Bartlett High school, 13 to 12, Killingly High school strengthened its hold on the lead in the Quincey League basketball league race and now looks like a sure championship winner for the 1917-18 season.

No Respecter of Persons.

Ice streets brought the haughty and the careless to their knees Saturday. Danielson's streets were a mass of ice at the week end following the freeze-up that came in on the wings of a violent gale.

Will Not Return.

It was announced Saturday that Paul N. Swaffield, former history teacher at Killingly high school, has decided not to return here to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation, effective last Friday, of Roy Burham.

Christmas Festivals Tonight.

Tonight will bring Christmas tree exercises in the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches, and the little people are very much interested in the programs that have been arranged.

A Prosperous Town.

The croaker's "How long is this prosperity going to last?" is drowned today in the meriment of an unusually unequalled—merry Christmas. All are happy—the future may well take care of itself; it always has. Killingly is a mighty prosperous town.

Christmas Party.

The annual Christmas party of the Nadel Arbelt club was held with Mrs. Alfred Reed, Hawkins street.

Twelve members attended. For supper, consommé, stuffed peppers, hot rolls, fruit salad, English plum pudding, cranberry sauce and mince pie. Entertainment included the projection of a stereopticon of cartoons of members of the club, drawn by other members, each illustration accompanied by an original poem.

Heavy Traffic.

Crowded and late trains were the rule Saturday night, when hundreds of holiday visitors were traveling over the local line. On the whole, however, the good nature of the travelers was in evidence and they were willing to allow much for conditions created by the unusual amount of travel.

Chief Grimshaw Home.

Captain Michael J. Grimshaw returned from St. Vincent's hospital at Worcester Saturday evening. While he is making a splendid recovery after his operation for appendicitis, it will be some time before he is able to return to duty. In the meantime the disposition of officers as at present arranged will remain in force.

White Way Indicates Enterprise.

While Danielson's Christmas White Way has come to be something of an old story to business men here and to residents in general, it proves a source of interest and enjoyment to out of town people and is taken as a mark of progressiveness and lively town spirit by strangers. This is frequently made clear by the remarks of visitors here and by passengers on trains through the borough, who frequently are heard to comment favorably on the holiday street lighting arrangement.

Alumni to Show Regulars.

Anxious to show the regulars something, the K. H. S. alumni team that will face the league leaders here tonight will get together a holiday team that has the ambition of handing the spangle winners a Christmas present of a real beating. But in carrying out this ambition the alumni will be exceedingly busy, for Killingly has a great team and this year one that doesn't worry over somebody's record in the past.

No One Understands.

A Kansas City mother thinks her daughter is insane because she doesn't wear clothes enough to keep her warm. "Thus are the pioneers of fashion misunderstood," Toledo Blade.

Getting Better.

Only 20 hunters killed in a month. An encouraging showing. Thirty were killed the first month last year—Milwaukee Sentinel.

PUTNAM

Holy Night Drama Presented at Pomfret For Fifth Consecutive Year—Death of Rev. John R. Stubbett, 78, Pastor Emeritus of Baptist Church.

For the fifth consecutive year the citizens of Pomfret Saturday night presented their Holy Night drama dealing with the nativity of Christ. As far as possible those taking part from year to year have been the same, but on account of the sacred topic dealt with in the drama the names of those taking part have never been made public.

The presentation of the pantomime began soon after the establishment of the Pomfret Neighborhood association and it is within the hall of the association that the drama is given.

The churches of Pomfret, regardless of denomination, are in perfect accord and unity of interest in paying this reverential tribute to the circumstances surrounding the birth of the Saviour.

People of all nationalities and in all stations of life participate. Boys from the farms are trained for shepherds. Working girls become angelic hosts. The three wise men are of as many different nationalities. The retinue of the Magi are composed of school boys. An Italian laborer has enacted the role of Joseph and a young Irish girl that of Mary.

From Bible illustrations and religious paintings the costumes have been correctly designed and made. The choir and instrumentalists of the town churches prepare a programme of music adapted for the presentation. Much of it from classical composers, including Handel and Bach.

On the stage in the barn-like structure of the hall the three scenes are set—the Annunciation, the shepherds with the flocks and the three wise men and the stable with its manger.

Preceding the drama there is singing in which first soloists and then all present take part. Such familiar airs as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "Once in Royal David's City," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "The Little Town of Bethlehem," are heard.

Then, while the hall was lighted only by candles, the Gospel of the Nativity was read. The audience, which crowded the hall to the doors at the reverent silence. The story of the Annunciation, of the birth in the manger, and of the visit of the wise men, as so majestically told in Luke and St. Matthew, seemed to touch every heart.

As a prelude to the first scene a voice behind the scenes, supported by a humming voice, sings the old German hymn, "Silent Night."

Then is seen Mary kneeling in prayer, while the angel sweeps out from the shadows with a lily in upraised hand to electrify the Virgin with the words:

"Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women."

The face of Mary is filled with wonder. At sight of the angel she is at first bewildered, frightened. The message sinks into her heart. With arms crossed on her breast, head bowed, she makes submission.

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word."

The curtain falls as the angel departs. The audience is greatly affected and some are sobbing.

The scene changes to an open field, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women."

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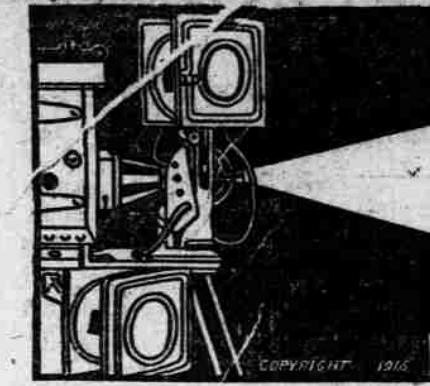
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It is expected in this way to raise \$18,270,000 in additional revenue. Prince Edward island has shipped about \$4,000 worth of blueberry pie stock to American eaters this season. The material is shipped in kegs. Italy has raised the price of Maryland tobacco from \$1.75 to \$2.20 a pound, until six months after the conclusion of peace. Not Laughing Now. Some other people who don't know any better may laugh at Housewives' Leagues, but the food sharks are not doing any laughing.—Charleston News and Courier. East Hartford—State Auditor James P. Tobin who has been quite ill at his home in East Hartford from a severe cold is able to attend to his duties again.	FINE MILLINERY Nora T. Dunleavy 324 Main St.	The Best Engine on the market. 20 Light Electric Light Plant for the farm, \$110.00. W. P. HOLMES Griswold, Ct. Tel. 8-2	High Grade HARDWARE and PLUMBING Murphy Hardware Co. 16 Thames St. Tel. 796-5	HIGH GRADE MEMORIALS THE C. A. KUEBLER CO. 39 Franklin St. Tel. 561	DR. C. B. 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EGG LAYING CONTEST

Hens Laid 1955 During Last Week—400 Better Than Last Year.

There seems to be no question but that the hens in the laying contest at Storrs are better birds than those entered in previous competitions. This is evidenced by the fact that they laid 1955 eggs last week. While this is 50 eggs less than for the preceding week it is 400 more than for the corresponding week a year ago, and in their total production since the contest started November 1st, the birds are now considerably over 1000 eggs ahead of last year's schedule. To be sure the management has sought continually to improve conditions. All of the houses were papered on three sides in the belief that they would be more comfortable through the winter and yet it is not believed that these environmental changes can quite account for all of the increased yield.

A. P. Robinson's pen of White Leghorns from Calverton, N. Y., won first place for the week with a yield of 43 eggs. Another pen of White Leghorns, entered by Abel Latham, Brierfield, England, laid 41 eggs, thus coming in for second place. A Vermont pen of Rhode Island Red, owned by Hillview Poultry Farm, St. Albans, and a Pennsylvania pen of Leghorns owned by Braeside Poultry Farm of Stroudsburg, tied for third with 40 eggs each. Of the one hundred entries in the contest all but two pens of Rocks were producers last week.

One White Wyandotte pullet was found to be eating her own eggs and perhaps others laid in her pen. This is a rather vicious and, of course, unprofitable habit for a hen to acquire; not only this but it is sometimes hard to cure. Hens probably acquire this habit by the accidental breaking of eggs in the nest or in the pen. If a bird is not particularly valuable the safest and surest cure is the hatchet, followed by a chicken dinner. As a precautionary measure it is well to provide dark nests so that the birds would not find a broken egg and furthermore if the hens are kept busy from morning till night they are less likely to acquire bad habits of this sort. An English writer suggests the following remedy: Blow out the contents of a fresh egg, then fill the shell with bread crumbs and saturate with ammonia. It is said that oftentimes a single peck at the doctored egg is sufficient and that inveterate egg eaters can be cured in this way.

The three best pens in each of the principal varieties are as follows:

Pen. Barred Plymouth Rocks

- 1 Jules P. Francis, W. Hampton Beach, L. I. 176
- 2 Fairfield Poultry Farms, Short Falls, N. H. 161
- 3 Rodman Schaff, Fitzwilliam, N. H. 108

White Wyandottes.

- 16 Merrymouth Farm, Columbia, Conn. 202
- 17 Grayman Farm, Westville, N. H. 173
- 18 Joseph Moreau, Wallum Lake, R. I. 150

Pequot Poultry Farm, Southport, Conn. 184

White Leghorns.

- 56 Hilltop Poultry Yards, Suffield, Conn. 261
- 57 Clifford Stoddard, Woodbridge, Conn. 234
- 58 Frances H. Mersereau, West Willington, Conn. 230
- 59 E. A. Ballard, Chestnut Hill, Pa. 230

Miscellaneous.

- 61 Cloyce & Sullivan (Buff Wyandottes) Hartford, Conn. 189
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